

SENATE BILL 1822  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 12, relative to contracting with the state.

WHEREAS, the care and custody of children is essential to their growth and development and any contracts or acts affecting their custody, care, growth or safety should be free from the appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest; now, therefore:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, no department in state government shall contract with any entity or individual or immediate family member thereof in matters related to the custody, care, treatment, health or safety of children in state custody if there is any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, and apply to any contract entered into or renewed on that date and thereafter, the public welfare requiring it.